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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE ON USO-PLO CONTACTS

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1. ALL CAIRO DAILIES JANUARY 17 CARRY FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES ON FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE CONCERNING USG-PLO CONTACTS CITED REFTEL. ARTICLES CONTAIN DENIAL BY USG OFFICIALS THAT DEPARTMENT EVER AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY TALKS, ALTHOUGH USG OFFICIALS DO CONCEDE THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED PALESTINIAN QUESTION WITH INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO BE CARRYING MESSAGES FROM PLO.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ARTICLES, CENTRAL FIGURE IN EX-PLORATORY DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS QUOTE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF JEWISH ORIGIN WHO NOT ZIONIST UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ARTICLES ARE GENERALLY SHORT, ALTHOUGH CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE, AND NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO COMMENT ON IMPLICATION OF FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE. GIVEN EXTREMELY CAUSTIOUS OFFICIAL GOE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROACH TO CURRENT UNSC DEBATE ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION, IT

UNLIKELY THAT EGYPTIAN PRESS WILL INDULGE IN MUCH SPECULATION
CONCERNING FINANCIAL TIMES ALLEGATIONS. ELTS

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